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SUBJECT: GALO PLAZA'S ATTENDANCE AT UNSC IN PANAMA

1. GALO PLAZA INFORMED US THAT WHILE HE " HAS BEEN RELUCTANT TO GO TO THE PANAMA MEETING" HE NOW UNDERSTANDS THAT ENOUGH FOREIGN MINISTERS, INCLUDING SUCH IMPORTANT ONES AS COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA, ARE ATTENDING SO THAT HIS FAILURE TO MAKE AT LEAST AN APPEARANCE WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN TO PANAMA AS AN OAS MEMBER COUNTRY. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN INVITED BY BOYD TO SPEAK AT THE INAUGURAL SESSION BUT PLANS TO AVOID DOING THIS AND WOULD STAY FOR ONLY ONE DAY. HE ALSO CONSIDERS HIS APPEARANCE THERE IMPORTANT IN VIEW OF THE GOOD RELATIONSHIP HE HAS BUILT UP WITH TORRIJOS. HE HAS BEEN ASSURED BY TACK THAT NO FIREWORKS WILL OCCUR WHILE MINISTERS ARE IN PANAMA, AS TORRIJOS WANTED A PEACEFUL GATHERING. GALO ADMITTED THAT FIREWORKS MIGHT DEVELOP AFTER MINISTERS HAVE LEFT, BUT VOLUNTEERED TO COUNSEL MODERATION TO HIS CONTACTS IN THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT.

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WE REITERATED HOPE THAT IF SITUATION CHANGED REGARDING
NUMBER OF FOREIGN MINISTERS PLANNING TO ATTEND, GALO ALSO
WOULD DESIST FROM ATTENDING. GALO REPLIED THAT HE WOULD
FIND ATTENDANCE EMBARRASSING AND WOULD DESIST IF POSSIBLE.
ON OTHER HAND, AS HE WAS ATTENDING SESSION OF UNITED
NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA IN QUITO
THIS MIGHT BE USED AS A FURTHER ARGUMENT BY THE PANAMANIANS.
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